S.No.	State	Product
12.	Tripura	Pineapple
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Potatoes, Mangoes (two AEZs)
14.	Uttaranchal	Lychee, Flowers
15.	West Bengal	Pineapple, Potatoes, Lychee

Import of cattle

†2376. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that symptoms of foreign dreadful diseases known as BBD and MCF had been found in the bulls and pregnant cows imported from Australia;

(b) if so, whether the cattle afflicted with such diseases were imported in the country earlier also;

(c) whether there are rules for conducting tests of cattle, before their import in the country;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for import of such cattle suffering from diseases; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government for its prevention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Some of the cattle imported from Australia have been found to be positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal Fever on laboratory testing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Government of India specified the veterinary/health requirements including testing of the cattle before import. However, the Australian authorities exported the cattle selected from a herd that were positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Johne's Disease which were kept in contact with other animals during pre-export quarantine. These facts were not reported in the health certificate

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

received at the time of arrival of the animals in India. These were only known later. In view of the animals found positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal fever on testing in India, these have not been released from animal quarantine angle.

Devastation of Bt Cotton by American Ballworm

2377. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that American Bollworm has devastated Bt cotton crop against which it was supposed to have been genetically fortified at Anandwan College of Agriculture Farm near Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to re-examine the efficacy of Bt cotton being marketed by Mahyco;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) which are the other places where Bt cotton seeds were sown and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur has, on the basis of a field visit by a team of their scientists of the Anandwan College of Agriculture, Warora, reported that the Bt cotton crop at Anandwan has not been devastated by American bollworm.

(c) to (e) The performance of Bt cotton is being monitored by a Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.